

FARM POND (Framingham)

General Information:

This relatively large, shallow, 149-acre natural great pond is located a tenth of a mile northwest of Framingham center. Maximum depth is 18 feet, but the average depth is just 4 feet. The fertile water is moderately transparent and supports abundance aquatic vegetation. The shoreline is only lightly developed, half of it falling within a town park.

Access for shore fishing is excellent around much of the pond. Boat access is available at the northwestern end of the pond, but the ramp is informal and primarily suited to car top boats and canoes.

Fish Populations:

The last fisheries survey of this pond, conducted in 1979, documented the presence of eight species: largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, yellow bullhead, bluegill, pumpkinseed, golden shiner and American eel. The bullheads and sunfish dominated the sample.

Fishing:

This pond is best known for producing lunker largemouths every year. The entire pond is fishable and productive, as there is no distinctive structure (except perhaps the gentle drop off around deepest section). Night fishing may not be advisable at this pond because it abuts an urban area with the typical crime problems associated with that environment. The best bet may be ice fishing.

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